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SUBJECT: 16TH ANNIVERSARY MEETING OF US-RP MUTUAL DEFENSE BOARD

1. AS DEPARTMENT OMNISCIENTLY AWARE, U.S. AND PHILIPPINES CONCLUDED AN AGREEMENT (TIAS 4033) ON MAY 15, 1958, TO SET UP A MUTUAL DEFENSE BOARD (MDB) UNDER THE AEGIS OF THE COUNCIL OF FOREIGN MINISTERS ESTABLISHED BY THE 1951 US-RP MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY. THE COUNCIL OF FOREIGN MINISTERS IS, OF COURSE, THE SECRETARY AND FOREIGN SECRETARY ROMULO. CINCPAC IS THE U.S. CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD ALONG WITH GENERAL REMEO ESPINO, THE CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES. THE MDB WILL HAVE ITS ANNIVERSARY MEETING ON MAY 29 IN MANILA AND, AS CUSTOMARY, I WILL ACT AS SECRETARY'S REPRESENTATIVE.

2. AS A MATTER OF COURTESY, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR ME TO READ MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY AT OPENING OF MEETING EXPRESSING HIS GREETINGS TO THIS LARGELY CEREMONIAL GATHERING. THEREFORE, UNLESS I RECEIVE A NEGATIVE REPLY TO THIS MESSAGE PRIOR TO 29 MAY, I WOULD PROPOSE TO READ FOLLOWING BRIEF STATEMENT TO BOARD, AS FROM SECRETARY.

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3. QUOTE. AS THE U.S. MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF FOREIGN

MINISTERS ESTABLISHED BY THE PHILIPPINE-UNITED STATES MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY OF 1951, I AM PLEASED TO EXTEND MY GREETINGS TO THE SIXTEENTH ANNIVERSARY MEETING OF THE PHILIPPINE-UNITED STATES MUTUAL DEFENSE BOARD. WHEN YOU BEGIN YOUR DELIBERATIONS TODAY IN MANILA, I REGRET THAT I CAN NOT BE WITH YOU IN PERSON, ESPECIALLY AS I UNDERSTAND YOU WILL BE JOINED ON THIS OCCASION BY MY DISTINGUISHED COLLEAGUE, THAT GREAT FILIPINO PATRIOT, THE HONORABLE CARLOS P. ROMULO. I WISH YOU CONTINUED SUCCESS IN YOUR ENDEAVORS TO ENHANCE AND STRENGTHEN THE ALLIANCE WHICH BINDS OUR TWO NATIONS IN A SPIRIT OF MUTUAL RESPECT AND UNDERSTANDING. HENRY A. KISSINGER, SECRETARY OF STATE. UNQUOTE.
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